

REMARKS

This application was originally filed on 31 December 2001 with twenty one claims, four of which were written in independent form. Claims 1-3, 6, 11, and 16-19 were amended on 16 August 2004. Claims 1, 3, 16, and 17 were amended, and Claims 2 and 23 canceled by amendment on or about 11 January 2005. Claims 18-21 have been allowed.

Claims 3 and 16 have been amended to correct errors pointed out by the Examiner in a telephone message on 26 January 2005. Specifically, in Claim 3 it was unclear how the captured ball could pivot when welded to the collar, and in Claim 16 "the opening" in element "c" lacked antecedent basis.

In view of the amendments and the remarks presented herewith, it is believed that the claims currently in the application accord with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are allowable over the prior art of record. Therefore, it is urged that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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